

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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 Issued: January 9, 2001)
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 For: PROCESS AND DEVICE FOR)
 DETERMINING THE ACTIVITY)
 OF ENZYMES IN LIQUIDS, OR)
 THE CONCENTRATION)
 AND/OR ACTIVITY OF)
 INHIBITORS IN LIQUIDS)

Confirmation No. 7936**CERTIFICATION OF
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**NOTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(G)(2) THAT SMALL ENTITY STATUS IS NO
 LONGER CLAIMED AND NOTIFICATION OF ERROR IN PAYMENT OF
 MAINTENANCE FEES AS A SMALL ENTITY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(C)**

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.27(g)(2), notification is hereby provided to the United States Patent and Trademark Office that the small entity status established in the above-identified patent is no longer claimed. Accordingly, the patentee respectfully requests a status change to large entity for the above-referenced patent.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(c), notification is provided that through error the Patent Office was not notified of loss of entitlement to small entity status as required by 37 C.F.R. §

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1.27(g)(2) and that the eighth and twelfth year maintenance fees for the subject patent were paid in error as a small entity. This error occurred without any deceptive intent. The following is a calculation of the deficiency owed to the United States Patent and Trademark Office for this patent:

Type of Fee	Date Paid	Small Entity Fee Paid	Large Entity Fees Owed	Deficiency Amount
8th Year Maintenance Fee	6/3/2008	\$1,180.00	\$2,850.00	\$1,670.00
12th Year Maintenance Fee	7/3/2012	\$2,365.00	\$4,730.00	\$2,365.00
Total Deficiency				\$4,035.00

The patentee requests that the total deficiency owed (\$4035.00) be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1135. The patentee respectfully requests that the error in payment of fees as a small entity be excused upon payment of the deficiency between the amount paid and the amount due.

This Notification is being filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.34 by the below signed practitioner authorized to act on behalf of the patentee.

The Commissioner is also hereby authorized to charge any additional fees as required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

Respectfully submitted,

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